An Open Letter to Central Virginia

"One year ago this July 22nd, Virginia Fibre Corporation observed the official start-up of our new $56 million paper mill in Riverville on the James River. On the first anniversary of that event, we would like to thank the people of Central Virginia for your help in the success of this new venture. We very much enjoy working and being here.

"As many of you know, our mill produces corrugating medium, heavy paper that is used in the manufacture of corrugated containers which find their way into almost every part of our national economy. We chose Riverville because of its strategic location to our markets, and because of its abundant resources: its forests, its water, and its people. Before breaking ground, we pledged that we would protect those resources for our mutual best interests.

"Our paper-making and pollution control equipment is among the most sophisticated available, and was designed to operate within federal, state and local environmental requirements. A total of $13 million, approximately 25%, of our total investment was spent solely to protect our air and water.

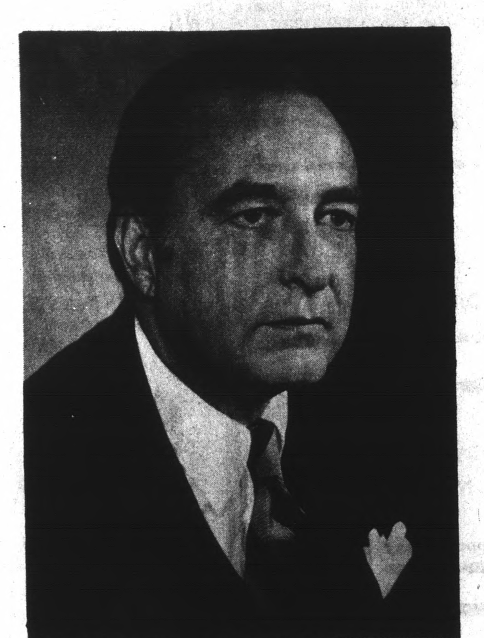
"To all the friends we have made, and to all those we look foward to making, we renew our pledge to protect the resources of this historic area of our country. We believe in the vitality of Central Virginia, and, in our first year of operation, have spent in excess of $10 million for taxes, salaries, materials and services which directly impact upon the local economy.

"We invite you to come and see our mill in operation, and to meet our employees, your neighbors. For further information on mill tours, please contact our Community Services Department at (804) 933-8643.

We want you to appreciate having us in Central Virginia as much as we appreciate being here. We at Virginia Fibre are very proud of our first name."

Sincerely,

Robert C. Macauley,
President



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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings everybody. Martha Street had a little rain but could use more. Gardens are at a standstill, but I find an occasional cucumber and hope for some tomatoes by week's end. Cooler at nights now and days are getting shorter. Bulletin: As Admiral In Residence of the Confederate Navy of the Upper Appomattox River have decided not to invite the "Tall Ships" now visiting the East Coast to navigate our local waters. Those tall masts might not make it by overhanging tree limbs. Would like, however, to see and inspect the sail ships.

Thanks to Mrs. Alma Shaw, of New Jersey for sending, by way of Mrs. Rachel Lawson, the July 4 Bicentennial issue of the Philadelphia Bulletin. Many fine historical articles and pictures.

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And thanks to Mrs. Burgess, retired employee of Caskie Paper Co. of Lynchburg, for sending me a quart of honey, brought to the meeting here Saturday of the Virginia Association of the Beekeepers organizaiton. Gilbert Mays is president of the local group and came by to extend an invitation to attend. Had planned to do so, but could not make it. Beekeeping is an ancient art. There are many references to honey and honeycomb in the Bible. In Genesis 43:11 we read . . . "carry a little honey." All the way to Revelations 10:9 and "thy mouth sweet as honey." Local Woodman of the World building is a fine place for meetings. I have attended a number of meetings there and everything is first class.

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Bro. Rufus Cawthorne brought a full gallon of birdseed for the feeder close to the picture window. The birds were delighted and are eating away as I write.

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Bright tobacco markets will open soon and I understand that prospects are very good. Dark-fired tobacco markets will hear the chant of the auctioneer later on. At one time Appomattox had several tobacco warehouses, and is still a top producer of quality leaf.

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Quoted: "Do something - either lead, follow, or get out of the way."

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A study on planning for population gain or loss, has estimated that by the year 2,000, there will be a gain of folks in Appomattox and we will likely have 14,200. Current figures are about 10,500. Ah yes, that will mean more Times-Virginian readers. I will be 95 by then, and who knows may still be writing!

Just phoned in . . . a fine reader reporting she has found a Grover Cleveland campaign button. Was in her late Mother's antique collection. Also she found an old apple peeler. This year's election is drawing close to decision but I have not seen any political buttons around.

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Beginning to see results of the big rebuilding job of Court Street. Sidewalks and drainage seem to be priority items.

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This is written July 26, 1976. On July 26, 1775 the post office department was created. The famous Irish wit and critic, George Bernard Shaw was born on this date 1856. William Jennings Bryan died this date 1925.

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Plenty of time left for vacation trips, but drive with care for highways are crowded. Personal: soon as my favorite NY Yankees wrap up the baseball pennant will start thinking football. Wrap-up, my friend Robert I. Scott, Jr. brought me some sports clippings of interest and will report later. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Agri-Business Management Workshop Held Here Friday

Agriculture instructors working with Young Farmer classes participated in a workshop on agribusiness management in the Appomattox County High School on July 23. Above, l. to r., Lamar Spangler, Manager of the Virginia Agribusiness Management Association, discusses a computer printout with G. A. Anderson, State Department of Education; A. H. Carter, agricultural education instructor in the ACHS department; and Stanley Forbes, Agricultural Services Manager, Fidelity National Bank.

Instructors of agricultural education from 17 counties participated in the workshop held Friday. Other resource persons for the day-long meeting included R. B. Carter, director of vocational education in Appomattox County; J. A. Nolen and Associates; and W. C. Dudley, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education.

Continental Telephone Of Virginia Files With The State Commission For Directory Assistance Charging

Continental Telephone Company of Virginia filed revised tariffs today with the State Corporation Commission announcing its plans to implement directory assistance charging on Saturday November 6, 1976.

Continental will begin charging ten cents for each call dialed direct to directory assistance after a six-call allowance during a billing period on or after November 6.

Mr. Stuart Vincent, district commercial manager for Continental, said the charge after allowance in a billing period will be applicable to all directory assistance calls within the State of Virgina. However, there will be no charge for calls to directory assistance in another state, except where the local calling area extends into another state jurisdiction.

The Continental manager said that calls from telephones where the customer or a member of the customer's household has been affirmed in writing as unable to use a telephone company provided directory will be exempt from directory assistance charging. He also said the charge woulld not be applicable to hospitals, hotels, motels, and coin telephones.

Following hearings before the Commission, the SCC issued an order in August permitting the Company to charge ten cents a call after a six-call allowance. The tariff being filed today is in corformance with this order.

The Continentel Telephone Company said charging for directory assistance service is intended to control volumes and thereby control expenses. Studies show that a very large portion of directory assistance calls are made by a small

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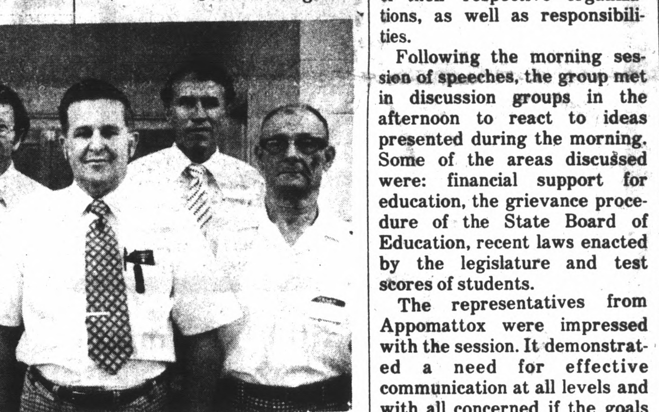

THE VIRGINIA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION held its summer picnic meeting Saturday, July 24, 1976 at the Woodmen of the World Building in Appomattox.

Participating at the associational meeting, left to right, were Thomas Ragsdale of Orange, Secretary-Treasurer Virginia State Association; Homer Powers of Richmond, State Apiarist; Gilbert E. Mays, President; Dr. James Roberts, Extension Entomologist, VPI & SU, Blacksburg; and J. G. Stevens of Roanoke, a beekeeper of 40 years.

Gilbert Mays, President presided over the meeting which began at 10 a.m. J. G. Stevens showed a film, "The Honey Bee and Pollination" and Dr. Roberts gave a talk on "Communication of the Bee".

Following the business meeting, a picnic luncheon was enjoyed by all attending. Honey on display was judged and prizes awarded.

photo by Joe Vaughan

The Appomattox All-Stars, defeated early in the tournament by Charlotte County, came back to win the District Title by downing the Charlotte County team in the final two games of the Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament played in Keysville last week.

The team, coached by Tommy Lawson and Jim Womack, represented their district in the State Tournament that began Wednesday night, July 28, in Madison Heights.

Accoring to Coach Lawson, the All-Stars have made outstanding plays in the field, have good pitching and are hitting the ball real well. **1976 Appomattox County Dixie Youth Major League All-Stars** - front row, left to right, Jim Hix, Mark Martin, M. J. House, Keith Mann and Mark Kelso; second row left to right, Greg Mayberry, James Carrico, Henry Goode, Steve Mayberry, and Kevin Ferguson; and on the third row, left to right, are Tom Lawson, coach; Bobby Wingfield, Steve Poole, David Ferguson, Chris Dunnam, and Jimmy Womack, coach. Not shown in picture were Richie Guill and Andy Daulton.

BOARD CHAIRMAN AND SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDED SUMMER CONFERENCE

Dr. A. A. Fratrick, Appomattox County School Board Chairman, and Lloyd G. Walton, Division Superintendent, attended the annual summer conference for superintendents and school board members in Charlottesville on Thursday, July 22. "The Partnership for the Improvement of Public Education in Virginia" was the conference theme.

Participating in the program were The Honorable Hunter B. Andrews, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Health, Senate of Virginia, The Honorable Vincent J. Thomas, President, Virginia Board of Education and Dr. W. E. Campbell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. These persons spoke of the responsibilities of their respective areas as mandated by the Constitution and state statutes. Mr. Andrews stated that the provision for quality education is a constitutional requirement of the state. In Virginia this requirement is considered a partnership with the local county and city. As much local control as possible is allowed without the state failing to assume its responsibility.

Forrest L. Frazier, President of the Virginia Association of School Administrators, D. Coleman Speece, President, Virginia School Boards Association and Mary Hatwood, President, Virginia Education Association presented the goals of their respective organizations, as well as responsibilities.

Following the morning session of speeches, the group met in discussion groups in the afternoon to react to ideas presented during the morning. Some of the areas discussed were: financial support for education, the grievance procedure of the State Board of Education, recent laws enacted by the legislature and test scores of students.

The representatives from Appomattox were impressed with the session. It demonstrated a need for effective communication at all levels and with all concerned if the goals of public education are to be fully realized.

USDA Changes Flue-Cured Tobacco Warehouse Procedures

Two revisions in the procedures for the redesignation of warehouses at which flue-cured tobacco growers will market their tobacco were announced July 23 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Under one revision, the effective date of redesignation will be the second Monday following the end of the monthly five-day redesignation period. The second revision stipulates that a grower may change the farm's warehouse designation only once during the redesignation period.

Under the flue-cured tobacco program, growers may designate for each year the warehouses at which they will sell their tobacco during the marketing season. The selling time at each warehouse is based on the amount of tobacco designated to that warehouse.

Monthly redesignation periods have been set aside in the marketing season during which time tobacco growers may change the warehouse at which they will market their crop. Today's changes involve this redesignation period and process, and were made to prevent producers of redesignated tobacco from using the sales opportunities of producers who do not change their designations.

Warehousemen will be notified of changes in designations. Any tobacco marketed prior to the effective date of redesignation (as indicated on the tobacco marketing card issued by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) will be ineligible for government price

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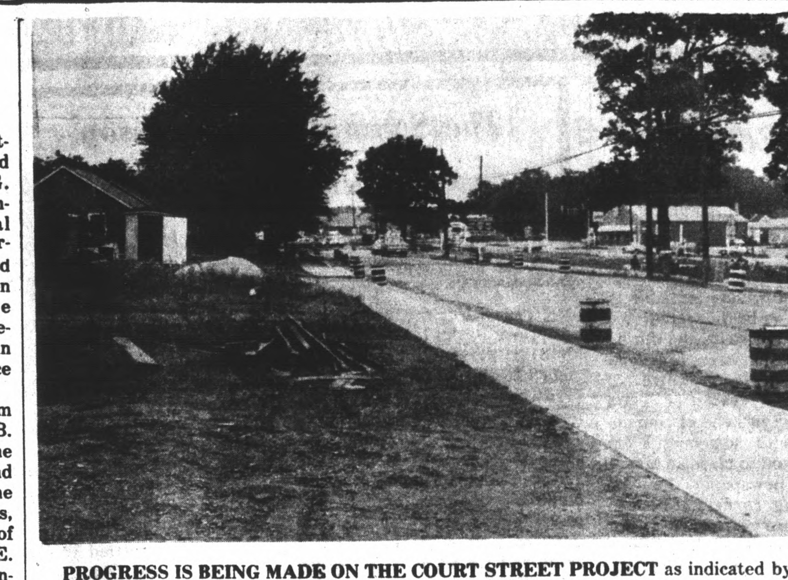

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE COURT STREET PROJECT as indicated by sidewalks and curb and guttering shown in photo above. It is a very slow and delicate process getting the storm sewer installed around existing town water and sewer lines.

Work is being done by state forces.

Cooperation in getting this project underway is greatly appreciated by the Town of Appomattox. When completed, the project will benefit citizens of the town and community.

School Lunch Policy Announced By Local Board

The Appomattox County Public Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligiblity:

Family Size	Max. Family Inc. For Free Meals	Family Income For Reduced Price Meals
1	3,680	3,681 - 5,730
2	4,830	4,831 - 7,530
3	5,980	5,981 - 9,320
4	7,130	7,131 - 11,110
5	8,190	8,191 - 12,770
6	9,240	9,241 - 14,410
7	10,200	10,201 - 15,910
8	11,150	11,151 - 17,390
9	12,010	12,011 - 18,740
10	12,870	12,871 - 20,090
11	13,730	13,731 - 21,430
12	14,590	14,591 - 22,770
Each Additional Family Member	860	1,340

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special educational expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the applicaiton is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, it should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy each school principal will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determing official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request orally or in writing to Richard Carter, Director of Vocational Education, School Board Office, Appomattox, Virginia 24522, for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedures.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits such as free meals and milk if the family income falls at or below the levels shown on the income

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D. S. Nash Construction Co . Is Formed

On July 7, 1976 a new company was formed, The D. S. Nash Construction Company of Appomattox. D. S. Nash is President of the new company; Leon Edmunds, Vice President; Marian D. Nash, Secretary; and Jean Marie Nash, Treasurer.

This newly formed company was begun as the result of a split-off from the Evans and Nash Construction Company.

Mr. Nash and his associates wish to express their appreciation to the many clients with whom they did business in the past and to remind their friends that they still offer the same dependable service in complete bulldozer work, grading, land clearing, farm ponds, excavating and road building.

D. S. Nash Construction Company is located on Route 24, north east of Appomattox.

Soils Surveyed On Earth And Elsewhere

The lander from the Viking spacecraft will be making a survey of the soil on the planet Mars this week, Space Agency officials announce.

Soil scientists of the USDA Soil Conservation Service and of the Agronomy Dept. of Va. Polytechnic Institute & State University will be making surveys in 19 Virginia counties at the same time, D. N. Grimwood, State Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Virginia announces.

Space scientists will be looking for clues that will help determine if life exists or ever has existed on our sister planet. Earth soil scientists are looking for clues that help us predict the behavior of soils in support of plant and animal life on Earth, Grimwood points out.

Soil survey information is used by a wide variety of people who make decisions in regard to the use of land. Farmers need to know what kinds of crop yields they can obtain and they need to know how much soil loss they can

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School Board To Meet August 2nd

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Monday, August 2, 1976 at 7 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include: report on Title IX evaluation, committee to study the report cards used in the system, drug education committee, teacher aide handbook and evaluation guide, substitute teacher handbook, allocation of department funds, report on summer conference held in Charlottesville, and review of ACHS Scholarship Fund.

APPOMATTOX 4-H'ER AT NORTH CAROLINA 4-H CONGRESS

Mike Helms (right), a District 4-H officer from Raleigh, N.C., welcomes Joe Ford of Appomattox to the campus of North Carolina State University. Joe is one of two Virginia 4-H'ers selected to attend the North Carolina State 4-H Congress being held this week on the campus of N.C. State.

During his week long stay on the campus, Joe will have an opportunity to participate in many of the programs and activities planned during the Congress. In addition, he will be learning about North Carolina's 4-H program and how it relates to the Virginia program.

Joe's selection as a delegate to the North Carolina 4-H Congress was based on his 4-H Achievement Record in Leadership. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ford of Route 2, Appomattox.

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